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Metro Nashville Police Administrative Headquarters and Family Justice Center groundbreaking



Mayor Megan Barry was joined by Chief Steve Anderson, other Metro officials and community leaders to break ground and celebrate the start of construction on the new Metro Nashville Police Administrative Headquarters and Family Justice Center at the site of a former car dealership at 600 Murfreesboro Pike.

“Each of these buildings will provide essential services to help keep our community safe and ensure that victims get the help and resources they deserve,” said Mayor Barry. “These facilities will be pedestrian-friendly, designed to fit within *NashvilleNext* standards, and will help to revitalize this area in a way that we hope will promote jobs and make for a more livable neighborhood.”

The buildings, which were designed by Hastings Architecture Associates, will incorporate brick, concrete, glass, and wood materials into the facades. The project is overseen by the Department of General Services, and will be built by Messer Construction. Once completed, the facilities will be LEED Silver certified and incorporate innovative methods of site water management, including Bio Swale Retention – making them more environmentally friendly and energy efficient.

Metro Nashville Police Administrative Headquarters and Family Justice Center groundbreaking (Cont.)

"With today's groundbreaking, we have begun to establish the foundation that will support Nashville's public safety for decades to come," Chief Anderson said. "The new headquarters and Family Justice Center project will keep Nashville on the cutting edge of services to victims, and will serve as a reminder that we are very serious about protecting all of Nashville."



The three-story, 61,000-square-foot administrative headquarters will serve as the face for the Metro Police Department, designed to be a welcoming place that connects the neighborhood and is a hub of public service. In addition to housing administrative and certain investigative functions of the department, there will also be a data center in the new facility. Mayor Barry included \$28 million in the FY2016-17 Capital Spending Plan to construct the facility, which was approved by the Metro Council earlier this year.

"The new Family Justice Center, once completed, will be a critical resource for domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse victims needing a refuge on their path to becoming survivors," said Diane Lance, Department Head for the Metro Office of Family Safety. "The design of the facility will help to create a welcoming atmosphere for those who are experiencing trauma in their lives, serving as a place of community for those who need our support."

The Family Justice Center, which will be 44,000 square feet and two stories tall, has been designed to serve as a resource for those in need. Located within the FJC will be Metro's Office of Family Safety, police Domestic Violence Division counselors, Nashville Children's Alliance, and components of the District Attorney's Office and Tennessee Department of Children Services. In 2015, former Mayor Karl Dean held a groundbreaking ceremony for the site following the passage of his Capital Spending Plan, which included \$20 million for the project.



In January, Mayor Barry held a community meeting hosted by Trevecca Nazarene University that showed strong community support for locating the new MNPd Headquarters at the Murfreesboro Pike location. The facilities are projected to be completed by spring of 2018.

First Stop Market Raided in May as Part of Stolen Property Investigation



A three-month investigation into The First Stop Market's alleged dealings with stolen merchandise resulted in today's police department raid on the business and the seizure of beer, energy drinks, detergent, and cigarettes.

Beginning in March, Pawn & Fraud Unit detectives investigated the market, located at 508 Old Hickory Boulevard. The market's owner operator, Ashraf Ibrahim, 50, is alleged to have purchased merchandise on three separate occasions from a police operative who clearly represented the items as being stolen. Ibrahim paid the operative about a third of what the merchandise was actually worth.



Kroger Organized Retail Crime personnel assisted in this investigation.

National Night Out Against Crime



Deputy Chief W. Todd Henry Receives Leadership Award

The Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP) on June 7th awarded Deputy Chief Todd Henry with a Certificate of Leadership for his contributions to law enforcement and his community.

Deputy Chief Henry is the 45th law enforcement executive to receive the prestigious Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership Certificate Award. The association works to shape public safety policy and provide executive level training to agencies statewide.



Deputy Chief Henry & Knoxville Chief David Rausch, TACP President.

Hermitage Precinct Officer of the Month

July 2016

Police Officer of the Month

Tyler Conrads

Patrol Officer of the Month

Michael Apsey

Investigator of the Month

Conrad Straub

August 2016

Police Officer of the Month

Paul Nies

Patrol Officer of the Month

Justin Franklin

September 2016

Police Officer of the Month

Tyler Conrads

Patrol Officer of the Month

Michael Apsey

Investigator of the Month

Erid Harrison



Scams?! Why are Seniors Targeted and How to Prevent Fraud

Scam artists prey on older adults. Why are seniors more likely to be targeted? Here are some reasons:

- Seniors are more likely to have excellent credit, an established savings account and own their home. All of these make them attractive to scammers.
- Seniors were raised in an era that taught individuals to be polite and trusting. Scammers exploit these qualities, knowing that it is hard to say “no” or even hang up the telephone.
- Older adults that have been the victim of a scam or con, are less likely to report the crime. Many do not even know they have been conned, or they are ashamed or simply do not know how to report the fraud. Loneliness is also a factor for some seniors. Often, they are grateful to have someone to talk to, not even considering that the “nice person” is preying on them.

Fraud against older adults is a serious problem affecting thousands every year. Seniors and caregivers can help protect themselves and/or loved ones from scam artists and fraud. These tips can help prevent you from being a victim.

- If you are a concerned caregiver, involve yourself in financial decisions as much as possible.
- Never give out banking information, credit card or social security numbers
- When speaking with a salesperson, ask for the company’s name, address and telephone number. If they do not want to provide it, do business with someone else.
- If you receive a call from a “government agency” requesting money, ask for a certified letter on official letterhead.
- Never hire someone who shows up at your door. If you are told the plumbing or roof needs repair, the scammer might take the money and never do the work.
- Avoid making “on-the-spot” decisions. Legitimate companies will not have an issue with you taking time to look into the deal.
- Stay away from investments that promise huge profits with no risk. Legitimate investment companies will warn you of investment risks.

Register your telephone number on the National Do Not Call list by calling 1-888-382-1222 or online at www.donotcall.gov. This will help limit calls from solicitors.

Sources: Federal Bureau of Investigation and AgingCare.com

Council on Aging of Greater Nashville Scams

Reverse Mortgage Scams

According to the National Council on Aging, financial scams targeting older adults have become the “crime of the 21st century” because seniors are thought to have significant savings and assets. Financial scams are often considered “low-risk” crimes because they often go unreported or can be difficult to prosecute. However, the effects can be devastating and leave victims in a very vulnerable position with little time to recoup their losses.

Scammers know that many people above the age of 60 own their homes, making it a valuable asset to target. One property tax scam in San Diego was conducted when scammers sent personalized letters to different properties supposedly on behalf of the County Assessor’s office. The official looking letter displayed public information including the property’s assessed value and offered the homeowner, in exchange for a fee, a reassessment of the property’s value to adjust the tax burden associated with it.

Similarly, the reverse mortgage scam has mushroomed in recent years. Scammers are well aware of the fact that legitimate reverse mortgages have increased in frequency more than 1,300% between 1999 and 2008, and they are taking advantage of the growing popularity. The scams involve unsecured reverse mortgages that can lead property owners to lose their homes when the perpetrators offer money or a free house somewhere else in exchange for the title to the property.

Reverse mortgages (a loan secured by the value of your home) can be complicated, and the pros and cons should be given careful consideration. Private lenders can provide reverse mortgages, and the National Council on Aging offers HUD-approved reverse mortgage counseling at 1-855-899-3778.

Anatomy of a Swindle

Lottery and sweepstakes scams often ensnare seniors and others. Below is how the so-called Jamaican lottery scam works.

Scammers collect seniors’ names from sources that include obituaries noting surviving relatives; from legitimate mailing lists of people who’ve bought products widely sold to seniors; and from bogus sweepstakes mailing centers.

A mass mailing is sent offering an attractive product or services and mentions that the victim is eligible for a lottery or sweepstakes. The mail-in return forms ask for personal information. A small fee may be requested.

From the “sucker list” of above victims, the scammers may use the list or sell it to others. The list focuses on those who are older, alone and with a rural address.

Next the victim receives a call saying that she won a big prize. The call often comes from abroad using a phone that masks the call’s origin. The catch is that the winner has to pay a fee or taxes up front and keep it a secret.

The collected money is now moved using a third party. Each participant takes a cut.

After a victim sends money once, a scammer will call more often for money or to develop a relationship. The closer he gets to the victim, the more personal data he can extract and drain bank accounts or open credit cards in the victim’s name.

If the victim says he can’t afford more, the scammer suggests other sources such as selling property or cash advances on credit cards. If the victim balks, she may be threatened.

Sometimes the victim is encouraged to accept checks and move funds to a third party to help the scammer with whom she now has a relationship.

Scammers often pretend they are FBI agents, intent on helping victims recoup their lost funds. Of course, they note that requires additional payments.

Source: Consumer Reports

Council on Aging of Greater Nashville Scams

Internet Fraud

Internet Fraud is in the top ten list of financial scams targeting older adults, largely because computers and the internet may be unfamiliar terrain. Pop-up browser windows simulating virus scanning software often fool victims into either downloading a fake anti-virus program (at a substantial cost) or an actual virus that will give the scammer access to information on the user's computer.

Another frequent trap is email/phishing scams where a senior receives an email message that appears to be from a legitimate company or institution (i.e., bank or credit card company) asking them to "update" or "verify" their personal information. Don't fall for it! One way to check the origin of the email is to click on the sender's address: nine times out of ten it's a personal email (e.g., a student with an address ending in .edu), not someone from the company.

Another frequent email trap is a message that appears to be from the IRS designed to trick taxpayers into providing personal information. In fact, in February of this year, the IRS warned that these email and texting scams have surged 400% so far this year! The messages typically ask for data related to tax refunds, filing status or seek confirmation of personal data (e.g., social security number or IRS personal identification number). When consumers click on the email link, they are sent to what appears to be a government website, but is really a fake site used by identity thieves. The IRS urges people not to click on these email links.

IT professionals recommend running a script blocking program (e.g., No Script) on web browsers to prevent spy scripts & malware. They also suggest using an anti-virus program to run a full scan daily on all computers, and to make sure that email scans are turned on so that attachments are scanned. Lastly, always check the email sender address and website address to make sure it is a trusted, legitimate source.

Source: National Council on Aging



SUBMIT A WEB TIP

WWW.NASHVILLECRIMESTOPPERS.COM

615-74-CRIME (615-742-7463)

Text "CASH" plus your message to
CRIMES (274637)



Safe Parking Reminder

The Metro Nashville Police Dept. would like to encourage you to

"Park Smart"

Please keep in mind the following tips to assist in preventing thefts.

- 1) Never leave the keys in your vehicle while it is unattended – even only if it is for a brief time.
- 2) Never leave your car unattended while it is running.
- 3) Always lock your doors and keep your windows rolled up when parked.
- 4) Do not leave items of value visible inside of your car. Place them in your trunk, conceal them from view, or take them with you.
- 5) Park in busy, well lit areas whenever possible.
- 6) Be aware of suspicious activity as you enter a parking lot and avoid potential dangers.

RECRUITMENT NOTES

NEWS FROM BACKGROUND & RECRUITMENT

AS OF MARCH 1, 2007, THE ONLY WAY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER TRAINEE IS ON-LINE. AN APPLICANT CAN GO DIRECTLY TO THE METRO GOVERNMENT WEB SITE AT WWW.NASHVILLE.GOV OR THERE IS A LINK TO APPLICATION PROCESS ON THE WWW.JOINMNPd.COM WEB SITE. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW.

Each user must have a unique email address when setting up an account. Do not share your account with anyone. If you do not have an email account, you can sign up for a free account at Hotmail.com, Yahoo.com or Mail.com.

1. Go to <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/nashville/default.cfm>
2. View our postings and select the title you are interested in (**Police Officer Trainee**).
3. Click the apply link.
4. Create a Username and Password for your personal account (registration is free).
5. Once you create your account, you can complete your online employment application. Then your application is stored on file and can be submitted for future job postings.

If an applicant does not have internet access, they may go to any Public Library in Davidson County or to the following Career Centers.

Nashville Career Advancement Center – Main Office
621 Mainstream Drive , Ste 210 Ph # 615-862-8890

Nashville Career Advancement Center-South
3763 Nolensville Road Ph # 615-741-3556

Online applications can be completed in Metropolitan Government Human Resources Office located at 222 Third Avenue North - Suite 158. Business hours: Monday thru Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only

Employment Standards

- Two years (60 Semester hours) of general academic studies from an accredited college or university with an overall Grade Point Average of 2.0 ("C" Average) on a 4.0 scale. **Hours for remedial courses will not be counted. No more than two (2) transcripts will be evaluated. The cumulative hours and Grade Point Average (GPA) must appear on the transcript. Candidates must submit "official" transcripts that meet Metro's Educational Standards. At least one half of the total hours must be taken in residence, no more than half may be earned in non-traditional credits.** **OR** Applicant must have at least 2 years of active military duty and possess a high school diploma or GED. **Must not have been released or discharged under other than Honorable from any of the Armed Forces of the United States.** **OR** Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and documentation of a minimum of 2 years full-time law enforcement experience in a patrol capacity with a certification from Tennessee P.O.S.T. or equivalent State certification board. **OR** Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and have 5 years of responsible work experience. **AND**
 - Must be a minimum of 21 years of age. (May apply 2 (two) months prior to your 21st birthday).
 - The Distant Visual Acuity in each eye must be no worse than 20/100 (Snellen) uncorrected, corrected 20/20 in the better eye and 20/30 in the other eye. Binocular vision must be at 20 feet. Must have normal depth perception. Must have normal color vision.
 - Valid "Class D" Driver's License.
 - Citizen of the United States.
 - Have not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any felony charge or to any violations of any federal or state laws or city ordinances relating to force, violence, theft, dishonesty, gambling, liquor or controlled substance.
 - Your driving record will be considered part of the background investigation for this position. Multiple offenses and/or chargeable accidents are grounds for disqualification or removal from the eligibility register.
 - Honorable discharge from Military Service (if applicable).
 - The medical requirements for enlistment or appointment to either the Army or Navy are the basis for physical suitability at the time of appointment.
- Meet standards set by the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission and adopted by the Tennessee General Assembly on June 24, 1983, T.C.A. 38-8-106.**

Previous Drug Use Criteria

- Marijuana use will be viewed in the context of the applicant's age at the time of use, the recency of use, and the frequency of use. No marijuana use will be allowed within 2 years of the date of the application.
 - No other illegal drug use within 7 years of application. Combined use of other drugs besides marijuana must not exceed 5 times.
 - No sale of any drugs.
 - Could have permanent disqualification for use of heroin, LSD, PCP, crack cocaine, and methamphetamine or similar substances.
 - Any prior drug use, admitted or discovered, will be evaluated in determining employment eligibility.
 - No pattern of abuse of legal or legend drugs (including steroids).
- Must pass polygraph or CVSA concerning use.**